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Oregon HB 3076, directing the Department of Justice to study a state gun dealer licensing program, is flawed beyond its redundancy. Federal law already regulates gun dealers via the ATF, mandating licenses, background checks, and strict record-keeping. A state-level program duplicates this, burdening small businesses with unnecessary red tape. Worse, the bill lacks a funding plan, risking taxpayer dollars or DOJ budget strain when resources should target violent crime, not studies. Proposed fees for the program are excessive and unreasonable, potentially in the hundreds per license, dwarfing federal costs (around \$200 for three years). This could drive small dealers out of business, especially in rural areas, without evidence that added oversight reduces gun violence—driven more by poverty, mental health, and enforcement gaps. It's a precursor to restrictive policies eroding Second Amendment rights, diverting focus from enforcing existing laws.